

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2228 - SB 2165

March 2, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes use of Agricultural Resources Conservation Fund (ARCF) for administrative purposes, to provide technical assistance to grant recipients, and as matching dollars to obtain additional funding.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

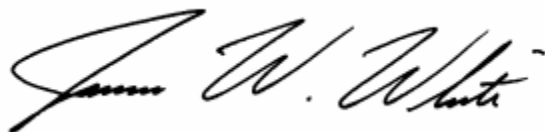
Other Fiscal Impact – No impact on the amount of funds directed to the Agricultural Resources Conservation Fund (ARCF) from the realty transfer tax. Utilization of those funds will change. Funds will be allocated for administrative purposes in an amount estimated to exceed \$100,000, which will reduce funds available for the purposes of the ARCF, including promotion and implementation of agricultural management practices to conserve natural resources. Funds will also be allocated to technical assistance to grant recipients to replace a reduction in federal technical assistance funds that has occurred. No significant allocation of ARCF funds allocated to draw down federal grants.

Assumptions:

- ARCF is funded by 1.5 cents of the state realty transfer tax appropriated to the Department of Agriculture.
- The Department currently funds out of state appropriations for four positions partially devoted to ARCF activities. This cost will shift to the ARCF. No corresponding reduction in state appropriations.
- Funds from ARCF will replace federal technical assistance funds.
- There will be no significant drawdown of federal matching funds.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director